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SUBJECT: MUHAMMED GETS IN DIG AT DIGGS: CHIDES LIBERIA ON
ANGOLA

1. HEAD OF STATE MUHAMMED TOOK LIBERIA TO TASK OVER ITS ANGOLA POSITION DURING OUTGOING AMBASSADOR L.H. DIGG'S FAREWELL CALL ON FEB. 9. EXPLAINING THAT NIGERIA HAD RECOGNIZED MPLA IN THE INTEREST OF THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF AFRICA, MUHAMMED ASSERTED THAT QTE THERE NO REASON WHY LIBERIA, THE FIRST INDEPENDENT COUNTRY IN AFRICA, SHOULD NOT BE IN THE VANGUARD OF THE GROUP THAT RECOGNIZED THE MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. UNQTE. HEAD OF STATE HOPED THAT LIBERIA WOULD SOON JUMP ON BANDWAGON. NIGERIA, HE SAID, WAS PREPARED TO HELP AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN VARIOUS WAYS TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

2. COMMENT. EVEN WITH MPLA BANDWAGON NOT IN HIGH GEAR, FMG MISSES NO OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND BACKSLIDERS OF THEIR SINS AND TO PROD THEM TOWARD REDEMPTION.
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